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Amendment/Request for Reconsideration

The present application is on appeal, awaiting decision from the Board of Appeals. Oral arguments are scheduled for February 10, 2009. Applicants file herewith a Request for Continued Examination, effectively withdrawing the appeal and reopening prosecution herein. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3938.

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Remarks are presented beginning at 4.